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SUBJECT: C-130'S FOR EGYPT

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONTACTED LOCKHEED TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF ACCELERATING DELIVERY OF C-130'S TO EGYPT. COMPANY RESPONDED POSITIVELY. YOU MAY INFORM GOE THAT LOCKHEED NOW EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO DELIVER 2-4 C-130'S DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1978. WE DO NOT HAVE PRECISE SCHEDULE WHICH DEPENDS ON SUBCONTRACTORS' ABILITIES TO BE RESPONSIVE, BUT PRESUMABLY DELIVERY WOULD BE DURING LATTER PART
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OF YEAR. HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL SATISFY EGYPTIANS. A SHIFT IN PRODUCTION/DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR OTHER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE EGYPT WOULD PRESENT PROBLEMS INCLUDING THE MODIFICATION OF PLANES TO MEET GOE SPECIFICATIONS.

2. FYI: ACCELERATED DELIVERY SCHEDULE IMPLIES EARLIER PAYMENT BY GOE. WE ARE UNABLE AT THIS POINT TO DETERMINE

PRECISELY WHAT THE REVISED PAYMENT SCHEDULE WOULD BE, BUT ANY DELAY IN REMITTANCES WOULD BE REFLECTED IN LATER PLANE DELIVERY.

3. WE NOTE GAMASY'S REFERENCE TO "VARIOUS OBLIGATIONS IN

AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE" AS JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUESTED ACCELERATED DELIVERY. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE (BUT NOT DISCUSS WITH EGYPTIANS AT THIS TIME) THAT STANDARD LOA PROSCRIBES USE OF FMS EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE OF COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION UNLESS BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT (I.E. BETWEEN USG AND FMS RECIPIENT). WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO RAISE WITH EGYPTIANS THEIR PAST USE OF C-130'S OUTSIDE OF EGYPT. RE POSSIBLE FUTURE USE, DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH SEPARATE GUIDANCE WHICH YOU COULD DRAW ON AT APPROPRIATE TIME IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOE OFFICIALS. VANCE

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